Fake Coins

1128. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fake coins of Rs. 5 have flooded the markets, especially in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken to nab the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per available information, only a few cases of circulation of fake coins in the country including Delhi have come to notice.

(b) In Delhi, five cases were detected by Delhi Police since 1998. In one case, the accused has since been convicted. Of the remaining four cases, three are pending trial and one is pending investigation. As regards such crimes committed in the States, appropriate action against the culprits is taken by the State Police.

Attacks on Places of Worship of Minorities

1129. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken strict action against ISI supported agencies with their calculated plan to destroy religious places of worship of minorities with the intention of creating confusion in the country;

(b) the number of religious places of worship of minorities attacked by ISI miscreants for the last three months, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Pak ISI is involved in aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country.

However, in the case of series of bomb blasts, which have taken place recently in the States of Andhra Pradesh (2), Goa (1), and Karnataka (2), after sustained investigations by the Central agencies as well as local Police forces, it has been established that an